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1. On 20 December 1954, Cardinal Stefan Wysinski was transferred to Barczewo (Wartenburg) Prison, which is reserved for political prisoners. The Cardinal was seriously ill, suffering from a heart ailment and also from kidney trouble because of ill treatment. He was not confined to the main building but was placed in a cottage especially furnished for him. He was under permanent surveillance by two members of the UB (Security Police) who occupied a room adjoining his. The Cardinal was in excellent spirits in spite of numerous interrogations and ill health; he was receiving only the most primitive medical treatment. He retained the dignity of a Prince of the Church which caused his guards to treat him with respect and even a sort of awe. 25X1
2. [redacted] the Cardinal was transferred to a clinic in Warsaw for emergency surgery. 25X1
3. [redacted] the Cardinal early in January 1955 was in a house in a suburb of Warsaw, where he had been transferred for emergency surgery because of serious illness. 25X1
4. At the end of December 1954, the so-called progressive clergy was invited by the government to make official application for the mass release of Catholic priests from prison. At least two interventions for the liberation of the Cardinal were made by members of the progressive clergy.
5. Ecclesiastical dignitaries still in prison as of January 1955 were: 25X1

Cardinal Stefan Wysinski, Primate of Poland  
 Archbishop Eugeniusz Baziak, administrator of Lwow and Krakow Dioceses  
 Bishop Stanislaw Adamski, diocesan administrator of Katowice  
 Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek, diocesan administrator of Kielce  
 Bishop Karol Maria Splett of Gdansk  
 Bishop Herbert Bednorz, suffragan of Katowice  
 Bishop Antoni Baraniak, suffragan of Gniezno  
 Bishop Lucjan Bernacki, vicar-general of Gniezno  
 Bishop Julius Bieniek, suffragan of Katowice  
 Bishop Stanislaw Rospond, suffragan of Krakow  
 Prelate Wojciech Zink, vicar of Olsztyn

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